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Hello:

Here we are again with another issue of the letter. In casting around for conversation this time, we tried to figure what you'd like to hear about (as usual) and decided that you'd be thinking about that all important point count and making plans for your return to Civies. (We know there are some Eager Beavers in the service, but their plans are all made anyway with Uncle Samuel). And then we figured that most of you fellows would have your count right down to the last half point, so we couldn't add anything to what you already know. But the matter of discharge brought to mind a story we heard (admittedly from the last war). Have you heard about the fellow who had been shipped back to a camp, States side, bewildered his C.O. by spending all his "spare time" looking for and picking up every scrap of paper he could find. Finally they figured him for a psycho and handed him his discharge papers. Then Joe read every word of the paper, asked if this meant that he was out of the Army, learned that he was, and cracked as he did an about face, "that's the paper I've been looking for." Well anyway it was funny once.

But we've seen some of the boys who've returned and most of them are doing O.K. Some of them tho, seem to be waiting for the top kick to lay out the marching orders, and we've been wondering if you knew the score and were making some definite plans for yourself. So here's the picture. Your old job back if you had one, (outside of closed, strictly war time jobs) is here waiting for you. If you've been a Fly boy getting 3 or 4 thousand a year, and you used to be a short order clerk, you've got some readjustment of your thinking to do. Are you going back, and if not, what are you going to do? If you are under 25 you can learn a new job at school. Do you want to? We'll help you. If you didn't have a job, you'll find one. There are still plenty of jobs today if you really want to work. We'll help you. As Veteran, you rate, under Civil Service, 10 points I think. How's that look? We'll help there too.

If all of you fellows break out between now and Christmas, that's a lot of workers! Some heavy industry is tied up now by boys who want war pay and are asking 30% wage increase. Some outfits won't get onto full Peace work (no pun) for several months. But when they do there is a boom due. If you hit the slack, what will you do? Study? Work out of your field? We're ready to help.

What we mean is this: Try not to return all fogged up. Know what you <u>want</u> to do and what you're <u>willing</u> to do. Then we can help. Maybe you want to rest? Well help yourself! You've earned it!

## "S E R V I C E M E N ' S  N O T E S"

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Robert McFarlan of Cochesett is now sporting a new uniform having just "made" Chief Machinist Mate on the USS Admiral Benson. Incidentally he got married the last time he hit the east coast; Dorothy Broderick of Whitman being the lucky gal. Congratulations Red--could be you had an extra incentive, yes?

Richard Bourne, Pfc of High Street Cochesett, has had a two week furlough from Camp Crowder, Missouri where he has been going to school on DS from his base in California.

S 1/c Edward J. Crowley is in Tokyo and expects to be stationed there for a while.

Lt. C. F. Crowley is flying a C-54, transport plane bringing troops from Tokyo.

Cpl. Leon Edmonston, Jr. has been awarded the Bronze Star and a citation for heroic action during service in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany, where he served as a machine-gunner.

S 1-c Harold Fisher, formerly of W. Bridgewater has been assigned to New Orleans, La. to await an assignment there. He holds a high navy award and is veteran of 87 overseas crossings.

Cpl. Charles Alden has been granted an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army with 94 points after nearly 2 years overseas service.

Mrs. Hazel Packard had a welcomed visit when her son Pfc. Ralph E. arrived home from Germany for a 30-day furlough.

2nd Lt. Ernest Bemis has reported to the A.A.F. Redistribution Station at Atlantic City, N. J. after 24 months of service overseas in the European theatre of war.

S 1/c Thomas Asack serves aboard the U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard, one of the aircrafts which aided in forcing Japan's surrender.

Mr. and Mrs. George MacHardy announce the marriage of their son, ARM 1/c George F. MacHardy, Jr. to SK 1/c Carole M. Pfeifer, of St. Paul, Minn. The couple were married in Seattle, Washington. (who's next?)

S/Sgt. George Andrews, Radio Technician, left for the West Coast after completing a 30-day redeployment furlough.

S 1/c Harold Tingley was a member of the crew of the 45,000 ton U.S.S. Iowa when this battleship staged a daring midnight bombardment of industrial targets on the main Japanese islands, 70 miles from Tokyo, just prior to the war's end.

Bob Cogswell was home for a seven-day leave from the U.S. Navy.

2nd Lt. Claire Morse, A.N.C. is now stationed in South Carolina where she awaits an overseas assignment.

Lt. Royal Snell has accepted a position as instructor at the Campello Airport. The new owners of this airport, two ex-army flyers, plan to spend a large sum to modernize the runways and install new hangars.

Gardner Lothrop, John Gummow, Kenneth Harlow are home from overseas duty.

Pierre Dilenschneider, Bill Ames, Donald Perkins and Bob Lindgren are now on furlough.

## "W H A T ' S  T H E  S C O R E"

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SPORTS

Howard High has decided to have a football team! 40 candidates noted for speed and endurance have already reported to Coach Cori. A short and snappy first season is planned. It is planned to run a series of shows at the Town Hall to meet expenses of uniforms and equipment. Practice sessions have been under way for a week. Schedule of games to be played will be announced later.

The West Bridgewater Bowling League will open its season this evening at Brockton alleys with six teams participating. Each team will be made up of six men and the League members will bowl for a period of approximately 28 weeks.

The teams taking part this year and their respective captains are as follows: Howard Lodge, K. of P., Charles Andrews; Kirby's, Eky Norris; Milky Way, Nonie Cheyunski; Outcasts, Wilson Metcalf; Oldtimers, Al Slaney; Uneek Club, Harry Sawyer.

The league's season features individual and team prizes which are awarded at the banquet conducted at the season's end.

H.H.S.

New Teachers have filled vacancies in all West Bridgewater schools. Next time we'll tell you more about them. We'll also let you know if it pays to be educated.

Miss Rylander and her French pupils continue to struggle over their French dialect.

Miss Dwyer has resigned from H.H.S. to teach in her home town of Lynn--a new teacher has filled her place--and seems to have the "nice" qualities that petite Miss Dwyer had.

Many girl graduates of '45 have enrolled at B.S. Teacher's College. (That's where one is taught how to teach others). Others have enrolled at Williams Business College in Brockton.

Miss Naomi White, former Commercial teacher at H.H.S. has resigned. There goes our experienced "Senior" Advisor.

Mrs. J. Roy Newton, wife of the former English teacher at Howard, is teaching at the Centre School in town.

In case of fire at H.H.S. precautions have been considered in the form of doors in place of windows in Room 3,5,8, also two in the basement. Something new has been added.

C. Warren Gardner, former History teacher at Howard, has left to accept a position as Supervisor of Tests and Measurements in the Medford Schools.

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Rev. Ray H. Burgess will take up new duties as head of Monmuth Federated Church of Monmuth, Me.

It really feels like fall now that school has begun and the weather changing from chaud à frois (for you French students to dish out). Now for the snow, sleet, and all that goes with the makings of a "beautiful" winter. Town citizens still keep their lawn-mowers handy though.

The first fall P.T.A. meeting was conducted the day before school opened its doors. It's a good time for the parents to discuss how "his" child is coming along.

So far, Howard Seminary has 57 girls enrolled for the fall semester. Interested?

Troop I, Boy Scouts, in honor of the war's end, collected paper and rags. The goal for their drive was 10 Tons. "Over the Top," too.

Arthur Clarke of Abington is supplying the pulpit for the time being at W. Bridgewater Baptist Church.

Wilbur Tracy, class of '45 visited friends in town a little while ago.

The Kemps recently staged another dog show at Brockton Fair.

A durricane scheduled to come around this vicinity "again" this year decided to stay in and around Miami, Fla. It does help out on fire wood but there are other things to consider. Remember the '38 "wind-storm?"

A postwar planning board has been appointed with a group of men headed by the selectmen of the town in charge.

Corn and tomatoes are what the town "Ma's" are canning now and Boy---they look swell in a glass jar---don't you agree?

The Town grange still holds its regular monthly meetings at the town hall with Master Gibson in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rollins held open house in observance of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. About 100 guests were in attendance.

The Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, was celebrated at St. Anne's Church with Rev. Thomas Devlin, pastor officiating at all masses.

The Highway Department is busy patching the streets of the town. The last furlough in W. Bridgewater can be spent tumbling along W. B. boulevards in style.

Miss Ruth Anderson became the bride recently of "Bill" Mahoney. The ceremony took place at the bride's home with about 100 guests present. After their trip the couple plan to live in Norton where "Bill" is principal of a grammar school.

The W. B. Auxiliary police conducted their fourth Annual Clambake with the Albert Howard's grove on River Street as a meeting place. 45 Members were on hand for plenty of real exercise and last but not least the "grub".

A feeling of excitement and gayety surged through the town the night of Japan's surrender. As soon as official news hit the air waves large crowds congregated in Central Square shouting victory. Town folks ran out of their homes to rejoice with neighbors, the fire department staged a victory parade throughout the town., H.H.S. with its "Historic" bell rang incessantly while churches opened their doors for prayers of peace. In observance of this great night the following evening the Town Hall was filled with enthusiastic citizens of W. B. for a special program in honor of this great event. Rev. Thomas Devlin gave the invocation. Mr. Arthur Lord, Superintendent of schools, spoke. The Goldie Orchestra furnished music for singing and dancing to conclude the affair.

The new commander of W. B. Post, American Legion is Alfred Wells, succeeding Harold Bourne, who has served during the past year. Several returned veterans of World War II have joined the Legion.

The field days conducted by the Servicemen's Welcome Home Committee came to a successful conclusion when a stage show was the main attraction. Nearly every organization in the town had some part in the field days and the proceeds will all go towards a general fund for the servicemen. Although attendance was poor the opening evening because of the rain, there was a good turnout of patrons on the other two evenings. A concert was given by the Cosmopolitan band of Brockton under the direction of M. Clifton Edson. The concert featured both oldtime and popular selections. The Field days consisted of a variety of features including a baked bean supper by West Bridgewater Post, American Legion, and a sports program for the children by the auxiliary police. A program of entertainment was conducted,

and local talent taking part were the Ryder sisters, well-known singers, the Bergstrom sisters, featuring accordian and guitar, the Manier boys, instrumentalists, and Nancy Bradford, tap dancer. A soft-ball game was held between the oldtimers, including members of the fire department and auxiliary police and the young men. Robert Redmen and Officer Ed Gibson were pitchers and it is reported the game ended in a tie. Alec McIntyre was umpire. The committee in charge of the field days included Charles D. Andrews, Chairman; Richard Keith, Adolphus Eldridge, George Doherre and Harvey Scranton.

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At the Fair. There are many fine exhibits by Granges this year and West Bridgewater Grange was awarded 4th prize by the judges. The committee in charge was Adolphus Eldridge, Herbert Holmes, Sr., Frank Pillsbury, Edward Asack, Herbert Cullifer, Earl R. Gammow.

W. Bridgewater Boy Scouts, Troop 1, have a very fine exhibit. At the entrance, Scout Master Andrews has depicted the Boy Scout Altar, made of white boxes arranged like tiling with scout law in black letters. This fronts the entire Boy Scout section, being at the center with displays on each side. Above it, in silver, arranged in an arbor entwined with flowers, is SQUANTO COUNCIL. This is the silver jubilee of the council. Just back of the altar, on the left, is the Troop 1 exhibit, which is the Scout Trail from the time the boy joins at 12 years all through his scout life. Black crushed stone road forms the trail and along it green sod, miniature camps, a swimming pool, signal tower, shelters etc., made by the members of the troop, backed by a large log with the names of all troop members and leaders on it, made by Otis Anderson.

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And so one of the highlights of the year--Brockton Fair--has come and gone and left scarcely a ripple on the surface of things. Some who went said it was swell; others said it was a complete bust; some said the stage show was the best ever and others said it was punk, so-o-o-o could be it all depended on your point of view. If everyone could have had their special "heart interest" at home to "do" the works, maybe even a midway would seem smack outa' paradise but the ones in this class were so few and far between they hardly counted. Actually the fair drew one of the smallest crowds in its history.

But as we tell ourselves every hour of the day--"IT WON'T BE LONG NOW"! With unit after unit being hauled out of Europe, and MacArthur talking about a small army of occupation for Japan, things sure seem to be looking up. Every day new loads arrive, the sick and injured first of course. If YOU are not among THEM,--you'll be along later, and we can wait. You know how thrilled You are going to be to get home? Well, multiply that by a hundred (or more if your arithmetic lets you figger' further) and you'll begin to have some idea how WE feel. Whoops! Bring on the band! Bring on the parade! Someone send for the fire department!!! We could go into detail further but perhaps your imagination can do a better job. How's about it?

All fooling aside though, it has been one h--- of a long time and we'll probably scare you to death we'll be so happy to see you all. Speed the day!!!!

SINCERELY,

YOUR NEWS COMMITTEE